



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program Announcement of FY 2011 and Partial 2012 Project Selections

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects, funded with Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 and 2012 appropriations, and previously unallocated prior year funds, for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program, as authorized by Section 3021 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) and its extensions, and codified in 49 U.S.C. 5320. The Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems in parks and public lands. Federal land management agencies and State, tribal and local governments acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency are eligible recipients.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Project sponsors who are State, local, or tribal entities may contact the appropriate FTA regional office at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/> for grant-specific issues. Project sponsors who are a Federal land management agency or a specific unit of a Federal land management agency should work with the contact listed below at their headquarters office to coordinate the availability of funds to that unit.

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- Forest Service: Rosana Barkawi, rosanabarkawi@fs.fed.us, tel: 703-605-4509, mail: 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, DC 20250-1101.
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For general information about the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program, please contact Adam Schildge, Office of Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, at adam.schildge@dot.gov, 202-366-0778.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FTA announces the selection of projects for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. As proposed in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published on March 10, 2011, FTA is including available FY 2012 funding in this selection of projects. Once additional FY 2012 funding becomes available, FTA may select additional projects from the FY 2011 applicants; publish an additional FY 2012 NOFA; incorporate such funds into a future FY 2013 NOFA; or pursue a combination of the above.

A total of \$26,844,035 was appropriated for FTA's Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. Of this amount, \$26,709,535 is available for project awards and \$134,500 is reserved for oversight activities. An additional \$633,845 is available for project awards in FY 2011 from funds appropriated in 2006, 2008 and 2010. This includes funds previously

reserved for other authorized program activities and funds returned from previously awarded projects. The total amount available for FY 2011 is \$27,343,380.

The Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011 provided \$13,450,000 for the program for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, which is approximately half of the FY 2011 full-year amount. From this amount, a total of \$67,530 is reserved for oversight activities in FY 2012. With the addition of \$55,965 in previously unavailable FY 2011 contract authority and \$26,985 in funds returned from previously awarded projects, a total of \$13,465,420 is available for project awards. The combined total amount of funding for project awards in FY 2011 and 2012 at the time of this announcement is \$40,808,800.

FY 2011 & FY 2012 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program		
	FY 2011	FY 2012
Appropriation	\$ 26,844,035	\$ 13,450,000
Oversight Deduction (0.5%)	\$ (134,500)	\$ (67,530)
FY 2011 Contract Authority		\$ 55,965
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	\$ 633,845	\$ 26,985
Available for Grants	\$ 27,343,380	\$ 13,465,420

A total of 106 applicants requested \$91.1 million, which is more than three times the amount announced in FY 2011 and more than twice the total amount currently available, indicating high competition for funds. A joint review committee of the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and DOT evaluated the project proposals based on the criteria defined in 49 U.S.C. 5320(g)(2). Final selections were made through a collaborative process.

The goals of the program are to conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources; reduce congestion and pollution; improve visitor mobility and accessibility; enhance visitor experience; and ensure access to all, including persons with disabilities, through alternative transportation projects. The projects selected to use FY 2011 and 2012 funding represent a diverse set of capital

and planning projects across the country, ranging from bus purchases to installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), and are listed in Table 1.

Applying For Funds.

Recipients who are State or local government entities will be required to apply for Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program funds electronically through FTA's electronic grant award and management system, TEAM. These entities are assigned discretionary project IDs as shown in Table I and Table II of this notice. The content of these grant applications must reflect the approved proposal. (Note: Applications for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program do not require Department of Labor Certification.) Upon grant award, payments to grantees will be made by electronic transfer to the grantee's financial institution through FTA's Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO) system. Staff in FTA's Regional offices are available to assist applicants.

Recipients who are Federal land management agencies will be required to enter into an interagency agreement (IAA) with FTA. FTA will administer one IAA with each Federal land management agency receiving funding through the program for all of that agency's projects. Consistent with section 9.5.2a of the "Department of Transportation Financial Management Policies Manual (October 24, 2006), funds awarded to Federal land management agencies through interagency agreements remain available for a period of five years from execution of the agreement. Individual units of Federal land management agencies should work with the contact at their headquarters office listed above to coordinate the availability of funds to that unit.

Program Requirements.

Section 5320 requires funding recipients to meet certain requirements. Requirements that reflect existing statutory and regulatory provisions can be found in the document "Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program: Requirements for Recipients" available at

www.fta.dot.gov/transitinparks. These requirements are incorporated into the grant agreements and inter-agency agreements used to fund the selected projects.

Pre-Award Authority.

Pre-award authority allows an agency that will receive a grant or interagency agreement to incur certain project costs prior to receipt of the grant or interagency agreement and retain eligibility of the costs for subsequent reimbursement after the grant or agreement is approved. The recipient assumes all risk and is responsible for ensuring that all conditions are met to retain eligibility, including compliance with Federal requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), SAFETEA-LU planning requirements, and provisions established in the grant contract or Interagency Agreement. This automatic pre-award spending authority, when triggered, permits a grantee to incur costs on an eligible transit capital or planning project without prejudice to possible future Federal participation in the cost of the project or projects. Under the authority provided in 49 U.S.C. 5320(h), FTA is extending pre-award authority for FY 2011 and 2012 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks projects announced in this notice effective January 17, 2012 when the projects were publicly announced.

The conditions under which pre-award authority may be utilized are specified below:

- a. Pre-award authority is not a legal or implied commitment that the project(s) will be approved for FTA assistance or that FTA will obligate Federal funds for those projects. Furthermore, it is not a legal or implied commitment that all items undertaken by the applicant will be eligible for inclusion in the project(s).
- b. All FTA statutory, procedural, and contractual requirements must be met. This includes adherence to Federal planning requirements for recipients of FTA grants, National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, and Federal competitive procurement requirements.

- c. No action will be taken by the grantee that prejudices the legal and administrative findings that the Federal Transit Administration must make in order to approve a project.
- d. Local funds expended pursuant to this pre-award authority will be eligible for reimbursement if FTA later makes a grant or interagency agreement for the project(s).

Local funds expended by the grantee prior to the January 17, 2012 public announcement will not be eligible for credit toward local match or reimbursement. Furthermore, the expenditure of local funds on activities such as land acquisition, demolition, or construction, prior to the completion of the NEPA process, would compromise FTA's ability to comply with Federal environmental laws and may render the project ineligible for FTA funding.
- e. When a grant for the project is subsequently awarded, the Financial Status Report in TEAM-Web must indicate the use of pre-award authority, and the pre-award item in the project information section of TEAM should be marked "yes."

Reporting Requirements.

All recipients must submit quarterly reports to FTA containing the following information:

- (1) narrative description of project(s); and,
- (2) discussion of all budget and schedule changes.

The headquarters office for each Federal land management agency should collect a quarterly report for each of the projects delineated in the interagency agreement and then send these reports by email to Adam Schildge, FTA, <mailto:adam.schildge@dot.gov>. Examples can be found on the program website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/transitinparks>. State, local and tribal governments will

provide this information to FTA via the TEAM-Web system for projects that are funded through FTA grants.

The quarterly reports are due to FTA on the dates noted below:

Quarter	Covering	Due Date
1 st Quarter Report	October 1 – December 31	January 30
2 nd Quarter Report	January 1 – March 31	April 30
3 rd Quarter Report	April 1 – June 30	July 30
4 th Quarter Report	July 1 – September 31	October 30

In order to allow FTA to compute aggregate program performance measures FTA requires that all recipients of funding for capital projects under the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program submit the following information as a part of their fourth quarter report:

- annual visitation to the relevant land unit;
- annual number of persons who use the alternative transportation system (ridership/usage);
- an estimate of the number of vehicle trips mitigated based on alternative transportation system usage and the typical number of passengers per vehicle;
- cost per passenger; and,

- a note of any special services offered for those systems with higher costs per passenger but more amenities.

Oversight.

Recipients of FY 2011 and FY 2012 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program funds will be required to certify that they will comply with all applicable Federal and FTA programmatic requirements. FTA direct grantees will complete this certification as part of the annual Certification and Assurances package, and Federal Land Management Agency recipients will complete the certification by signing the interagency agreement. This certification is the basis for oversight reviews conducted by FTA.

The Secretary of Transportation and FTA have elected not to apply the triennial review requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(h)(2) to Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program recipients that are other Federal agencies. Instead, working with the existing oversight systems at the Federal Land Management Agencies, FTA will perform periodic reviews of specific projects funded by the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program. These reviews will ensure that projects meet the basic statutory, administrative, and regulatory requirements as stipulated by this notice and the certification. To the extent possible, these reviews will be coordinated with other reviews

of the project. FTA direct grantees of Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program funds (State, local and tribal government entities) will be subject to all applicable triennial, State management, civil rights, and other reviews.

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Peter Rogoff
Administrator

Table I FTA FY 2011 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Discretionary Program Funding Recipients						
State	Federal Land Management Agency	Federal Land Unit (Sponsor)	Local Funding Funding Recipient (If Applicable)	Project Name	Discretionary Award (Earmark) ID	Final Amount
AZ	U.S. Forest Service	Coconino National Forest, Red Rock Ranger District	Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority	Sedona Alternative Transportation Implementation Plan	D2011-ATPL-001	\$ 150,000
CA	Bureau of Land Management	Bureau of Land Management, Redding Field Office	California Department of Transportation	Shasta State Historic Park Bike Lane Project	D2011-ATPL-002	\$ 800,000
CA	National Park Service	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	City of Visalia, CA	San Joaquin Valley/Sequoia National Park Gateway Shuttle Link	D2011-ATPL-003	\$ 250,000
CA	Multiple Agencies	Inyo National Forest; Devils Postpile National Monument	Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA)	Sustainable Transit in Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile National Monument	D2011-ATPL-004	\$ 400,000
CA	National Park Service	Golden Gate National Recreation Area		Initial phase of improvements to California Coastal Bike/Ped Trail section in the Presidio		\$ 1,000,000
CA	National Park Service	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	Marin County Transit District	Purchase Five 35 foot XHF Vehicles	D2011-ATPL-005	\$ 1,100,000
CA	National Park Service	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks		Lease Shuttle Buses for the Giant Forest Shuttle System in Sequoia National Park		\$ 270,000

CA	U.S. Forest Service	Southern California National Forest Subregion		Connecting Southern California National Forests and the Los Angeles Basin through Alternative Transportation		\$ 296,500
CA	U.S. Forest Service	Inyo National Forest	Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA	Lakes Basin Intermodal Transportation Enhancements – Trolley, Bicycle, Pedestrian	D2011-ATPL-006	\$ 1,244,874
CA	National Park Service	Yosemite National Park		Complete Planning for Visitor Transit, Staging, and Pedestrian Routes for the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias		\$ 890,000
CO	National Park Service	Rocky Mountain National Park	Town of Estes Park, CO	Construct Transportation Hub at the Estes Park Visitor Center	D2011-ATPL-007	\$ 3,000,000
DC	National Park Service	National Mall and Memorial Parks		The National Mall Tour Bus Planning Study		\$ 356,923
FL	National Park Service	Castillo de San Marcos National Monument	City of St. Augustine, FL	Castillo de San Marcos National Monument - Fort-to-Downtown Core Pedestrian Connections	D2011-ATPL-008	\$ 753,000
FL	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge	Pinellas County, FL	Bay Pier/Dock - Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge Ferry	D2011-ATPL-009	\$ 1,000,000

MA	National Park Service	Cape Cod National Seashore		Route 6 Multiuse Path Master Planning and Conceptual Project Design		\$ 381,680
MA	National Park Service	Cape Cod National Seashore		Nauset Bike Trail – Phase I		\$ 1,345,000
MA	National Park Service	Lowell National Historical Park	City of Lowell, MA	Lowell Trolley Expansion – Gallagher Extension and Father Morissette Engineering	D2011-ATPL-010	\$ 1,592,292
MA	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge		Biodiesel-fueled shuttle service from satellite parking to Monomoy National Wildlife		\$ 400,000
ME	National Park Service	Acadia National Park		Construct Improvements at Bus Stops to Eliminate Public Hazards		\$ 1,324,518
MI	National Park Service	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Michigan Department of Transportation	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Multi-use Path Phase 1 Completion	D2011-ATPL-011	\$ 1,337,000
MN	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	City of Bloomington, MN	Minnesota River Crossing at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Project	D2011-ATPL-012	\$ 2,000,000
MN	National Park Service	Mississippi National River and Recreation Area		Implement Partnership Multi-Modal Alternative Transportation Project		\$ 843,140

NH	U.S. Forest Service	White Mountain National Forest		Appalachian Mountain Hike Shuttle Vehicle Acquisition		\$ 62,627
NY	National Park Service	Gateway National Recreation Area		Alternative Route for Jamaica Bay Greenway through Spring Creek Park		\$ 250,000
NY	National Park Service	Gateway National Recreation Area		Riis Landing Basin Final Planning, Environmental Assessment and Permitting		\$ 400,000
NY	National Park Service	Gateway National Recreation Area	New York City Department of Transportation	Jamaica Bay Greenway non-motorized and multimodal connection improvements	D2011-ATPL-013	\$ 594,378
OH	National Park Service	Cuyahoga Valley National Park		Rebuild Locomotive with Green Technology		\$ 994,000
OH	National Park Service	Cuyahoga Valley National Park		Rehabilitate Baggage Car for Bicycle Transport.		\$ 136,620
OH	National Park Service	Cuyahoga Valley National Park		Rehabilitate Accessible Car #727		\$ 144,670
OK	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge		Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Alternative Transportation Plan		\$ 200,000

PA	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission	Trail and Transit Access to John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge Planning Study	D2011-ATPL-014	\$ 446,758
TX	National Park Service	San Antonio Missions National Historical Park	City of San Antonio, TX	Mission Reach B-Cycle Bike Share Expansion	D2011-ATPL-015	\$ 324,000
UT	Multiple Agencies	Arches National Park; BLM Moab Field Office	Grand County, UT	North Moab Recreation Areas Alternative Transportation System - Colorado Riverway	D2011-ATPL-016	\$ 2,500,000
VA	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	City of Virginia Beach, VA	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge Alternative Transportation Study	D2011-ATPL-017	\$ 449,000
WA	National Park Service	Mount Rainier National Park		Lease Paradise Area Shuttle Service Vehicles		\$ 106,400
					Total	\$ 27,343,380

Table II
FTA FY 2012 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Discretionary Program Funding
Recipients

State	Federal Land Management Agency	Federal Land Unit (Sponsor)	Local Funding Funding Recipient (If Applicable)	Project Name	Discretionary Award (Earmark) ID	Final Amount
AK	National Park Service	Denali National Park and Preserve		Denali Hybrid Bus Project		\$ 275,000
CA	U.S. Forest Service	Inyo National Forest	Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA	Lake Mary Loop Road Alternative Analysis – Pedestrians vs. motor vehicles	D2012-ATPL-001	\$ 153,175
CO	Bureau of Land Mgmt	Bureau of Land Management - Grandview Ridge	City of Durango, CO	Durango Area SMART 160 Multi-Use Trail	D2012-ATPL-002	\$ 400,000
FL	National Park Service	Castillo de San Marcos National Monument	City of St. Augustine, FL	City of St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Alternative Transit & Pedestrian Connections	D2012-ATPL-003	\$ 150,000
FL	National Park Service	NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program		River of Grass Greenway East Planning Project		\$ 500,000
HI	National Park Service	WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, USS Arizona Memorial		Replace Deficient USS Arizona Memorial Dock		\$ 2,012,500

ID	U.S. Forest Service	Sawtooth National Forest		Study Alternative Transportation between Stanley, Idaho, and the Redfish Lake Recreation Complex		\$ 150,000
IL	U.S. Forest Service	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie		Multi-Use North-South Connector Trail Implementation		\$ 291,576
IN	Army Corps of Engineers	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cecil M. Hardin Lake	Indiana Department of Natural Resources	Raccoon State Rec Area - Design and construction of bike trail from campground to beach/boat ramp	D2012-ATPL-004	\$ 779,376
IN	National Park Service	Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial	Town of Santa Claus, IN	Lincoln Boyhood-Santa Claus Discovery Trail	D2012-ATPL-005	\$ 340,000
MA	National Park Service	Cape Cod National Seashore		Safe Crossings		\$ 532,000
MA	National Park Service	Cape Cod National Seashore		Race Point/MacMillan Pier Bicycle Improvements		\$ 119,600
MA	National Park Service	Lowell National Historical Park		Construct Phase 1 Improvements to Enhance Operational Efficiency of the Lowell Park Trolley		\$ 1,525,217
MD	National Park Service	Assateague Island National Seashore		Assateague Island National Seashore - Resurface Sinepuxent District Trails		\$ 450,000

MI	National Park Service	Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	ALTRAN Public Transit, MI	Purchase Backpacker Bus in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	D2012-ATPL-006	\$ 175,000
OH	National Park Service	Cuyahoga Valley National Park		Install Pedestrian Bridge		\$ 1,356,976
OH	National Park Service	Cuyahoga Valley National Park		Replace Railroad Power Car		\$ 575,000
OR	U.S. Forest Service	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Unit		Historic Columbia River Highway NEPA Compliance		\$ 400,000
PA	National Park Service	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area		Visitor Shuttle Study - Pilot Operation		\$ 530,000
PA	National Park Service	Johnstown Flood National Memorial		Acquire Accessible Vehicle		\$ 175,000
PA	National Park Service	Gettysburg National Military Park	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Gettysburg National Military Park Intelligent Transit Program	D2012-ATPL-007	\$ 875,000
VA	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge		Chincoteague Park and Ride Facility		\$ 1,500,000
WA	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge		Alternative Transportation Planning Study for Pedestrian Access		\$ 200,000
					Total	\$ 13,465,420

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